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CONVICTED PREDATOR NOW IN ICE CUSTODY FACING DEPORTATION

MANCHESTER, NH—A 20-year-old predator convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl was arrested here Monday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

Leton Adumene, a citizen of Nigeria pleaded guilty on Jan. 12, 2005 to sexual assault in a Hillsborough County superior court. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail to be served concurrently with another sentence resulting from a different conviction. A jury convicted Adumene in Nov. 2004 of felonious sexual assault. This assault involved a different minor female. Adumene is appealing that conviction.

ICE arrested Adumene upon completion of his jail sentence and initiated removal proceedings against him based upon his criminal convictions. He is currently in ICE custody at the Rockingham County Jail in New Hampshire.

"Sexual predators who prey on the innocent and vulnerable members of our society - our children - will not go unpunished," said Robin M. Avers, special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. "ICE is committed to identifying, arresting and removing predators who are a public safety threat to the children of our communities."

This arrest is part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 5,600 individuals arrested nationwide.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.